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SUBJECT: CSCE EXPERTS MEETING TO PREPARE THE
SCIENTIFIC FORUM: NNA DRAFT REPORT

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1. UNDER U.S. CHAIRMAN, EXPERTS MEETING COMPLETED FIRS
DAY OF FRUITFUL DISCUSSION ON NNA DRAFT REPORT. ALL
DELEGATIONS AGREE THAT DRAFT PROVIDES GOOD BASIS FOR
NEGOTIATION AND ARE ANXIOUS TO PROCEED QUICKLY TO FINAL
CONCLUSIONS.

2. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, DELS AGREE THAT SINGLE MOST
COMPLICATED PROBLEM FACING MEETING REMAINS DEFINITION
AND CLARIFICATION OF THEMES TO BE DISCUSSED AT FORUM.
ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS LITTLE AGREEMENT ON THE
DEGREE OF SPECIFICITY REQUIRED. EASTERN DELS ARE
ANXIOUS TO STAY AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO SPECIFIC
LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN FINAL ACT, WHILE WEST REMAINS
CONCERNED THAT FORUM ATTEMPT TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF
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INITIATIVES UNDERWAY IN OTHER FORA AND PRODUCE MEANING-
FUL TOPICS.

3. THE STATUS OF THE FORUM, WHETHER IT SHOULD BE
EMPOWERED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARTICIPATING
STATES, AND THE NATURE OF DELEGATIONS ARE STILL OPEN
QUESTIONS. EASTERN DELS ALONG WITH MANY NNA COUNTRIES

AND SOME ALLIES MAINTAIN FORUM SHOULD DRAFT SPECIFIC CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, WHILE WEST CONTINUES TO PREFER A FORUM THAT WOULD CONSIST OF DISCUSSIONS ONLY AND PROMOTE CONTACTS. SEVERAL NNA DELS, AS WELL AS ROMANIA, ARE ANXIOUS TO LEAVE DOOR OPEN FOR FORUM PARTICIPANTS TO RECOMMEND FURTHER MEETINGS IF THEY DESIRE. CONNECTED TO THIS PROBLEM IS QUESTION OF WHETHER FORUM PARTICIPANTS WILL REPRESENT THEMSELVES OR GOVERNMENTS, WITH EASTERN DELS PUSHING FORMULATIONS THAT SUGGEST THE LATTER VIEW.

4. THERE IS ALSO DISAGREEMENT WHETHER EXPERTS MEETING SHOULD RESOLVE ALL CONCEIVABLE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS HERE. EASTERN DELS SEEM TO PREFER THAT SOME ISSUES, SUCH AS NUMBER AND CHARACTER OF FORUM WORKING GROUPS, BE DECIDED AT FORUM ITSELF. IN ANY EVENT, A VARIETY OF DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT.

5. IT NOW SEEMS CLEAR THAT INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUPS, OPEN-ENDED OF COURSE, MUST BEGIN TO TACKLE BOTH THE SMALL DRAFTING PROBLEMS AND THE MAJOR ISSUES. IT IS NOT CLEAR YET HOW THESE WILL BE HANDLED OR HOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY THE SOVIETS HAVE. NNA COUNTRIES STILL REMAIN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S PROSPECTS. U.S. DEL IS NOT SO CONFIDENT.

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6. THE PRESENCE OF MR.
TODD AS AN OBSERVER WAS VERY USEFUL TO THE U.S. DEL.
HE PROVIDED INFORMED SCIENTIFIC ADVICE BASED ON NAS
INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES. THAT ADVICE WILL HELP US
IN DEALING WITH THE THEMES. U.S. DEL TOOK ADVANTAGE
OF HIS PRESENCE TO ENGAGE IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS
WITH FRG HOST DEL. MR. TODD OUTLINED THE VIEWS AND
ATTITUDES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO DETERMINE NAS COOPERATION
IN THE FORUM. OUR EFFORT WAS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF U.S.
INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH THE FRG IN MAKING THE
FORUM A SUCCESS, PROVIDED THAT THE BONN MEETING
PRODUCES AN ACCEPTABLE SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS.
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